

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, a laminator (10), and a belt, for creating a pre-press proof (200) with a thermal mark (190) which comprises laminating a pre-laminate sheet (240) consisting of a first thermoplastic layer, and a first support layer (150) to a receiver stock (160); removing the first support layer (150) forming a pre-laminated receiver stock (350); creating an imaged receiver sheet (140) with a second print layer (308) and a second support layer (170); laminating the imaged receiver sheet (140) with the pre-laminated receiver stock (350) using an embossing belt (110) with an embossing mark 115; and removing the second support layer (170) creating a pre-press proof with a thermal mark (230).